**Telephone Advisory Committees**

165. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to reconstitute Telephone Advisory Committees (district level) in near future;

(b) the number of requests received from the Members of Parliament recommending names for such Committees;

(c) whether the requests from MPs received, so far, have since been acceded to; and

(d) if so, the relevant details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) 2887 requests for nomination in various Telephone Advisory Committees have been received from Members of Parliament, out of which, 2314 nominations have been made in the Committees.

**Irregularities in Department of Telecommunications**

166. SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications has been committing irregularities and extending undue favour to its licencees during the past couple of years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount of losses inflicted on the Department in each case; and